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PATENT APPLICATION
DOCKET NO.: 47097-00057

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of: §
Toby R. Thomas et al §
Serial No.: 09/422,510 § Group No.: 3727
Filed: October 21, 1999 § Examiner:

For: Fill-Through-the-Top Package and Method and Apparatus for Making the Same

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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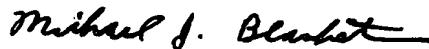
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 40, 41, 44, and 46 as follows:

140. (Once Amended) A method of ~~making and~~ filling a package, comprising:
providing a package including first and second opposing body panels joined along a pair
of sides and a bottom bridging the sides, the package including a fastener attached to the first
body panel along a mouth portion of the package disposed opposite the bottom, ~~the fastener~~
~~including a pair of tracks joined to each other along a breakable area of weakness,~~ the fastener

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